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I, Walter Ottesen, state that I am the attorney for this application and that I have reviewed and found the specification (pages 1 to 16) and four sheets of drawing (FIGS. 1 to 5) as shown in my files to be the papers attached to the declaration of Florian Hoche and Axel Klimmek for Exhaust-Gas Muffler which accompanies this statement and I declare that these papers attached to the declaration are a true copy of the specification and any amendment thereto which I filed in the Patent and Trademark Office in order to obtain a filing date for this application on August 27, 2003.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under

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